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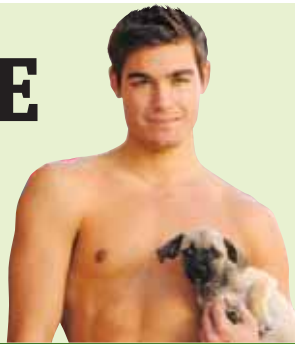
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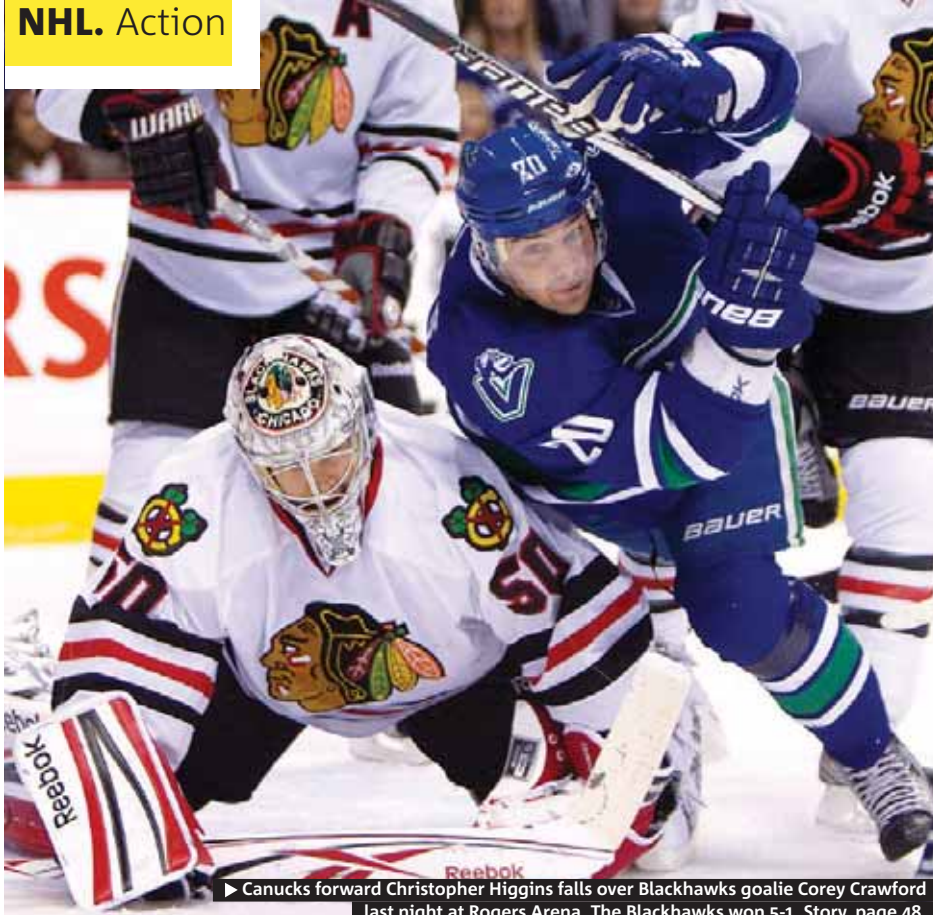
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► Canucks forward Christopher Higgins falls over Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford last night at Rogers Arena. The Blackhawks won 5-1. Story, page 48.

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Late Hawks surge crushes Canucks

Riot charges to be OK'd soon: Cops

► Police board told that the VPD also expects to recommend a second batch of charges



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Police expect the bulk of their initial riot charges to be approved by the Crown within a week and a half, the Vancouver Police Board has been told.

The integrated riot investigation team recommended 163 charges against 60 alleged rioters on Oct. 31.

Supt. Rob Rothwell updated the board on the status of those charges yesterday.

"We anticipate charges will be laid by a week to a week and half from now," Rothwell said.

Chief Jim Chu said he expects most, if not all, of the charges to be approved by prosecutors.

A second batch of charges will be delivered to the Crown by the end of the month, the board was told.

"There will be a substantial number (of charges) coming forward still," Chu said, though he clarified there will be fewer charges than the batch that was forwarded in October.

Vancouver police are still unsure whether the charges will be fast tracked through the courts.

The riot and Occupy Vancouver have been a major drain on VPD resources this year, and board member Glenn Wong expressed concern.

"For the first time in six years we may not have a surplus," he said.

Board members debated whether they should warn city councillors that the department could potentially go over its \$204,530,045 annual budget, but they decided to hold off until an accurate figure could be obtained.

A new push to ID suspects {page 4}



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Cocaine stolen from Burnaby evidence locker

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A City of Burnaby employee has been fired and charged with theft for allegedly stealing cocaine out of RCMP evidence storage.

Burnaby RCMP announced yesterday that Gary Read, a 56-year-old resident of Burnaby and a city employee, has been charged with a single count of theft.

The alleged theft was discovered when police conducted an audit of the Burnaby detachment in the spring and noticed that 500 grams of cocaine was missing from a drug exhibit.

Police launched an investigation that led to Read — who had oversight of the exhibits — being charged.

Chief Supt. Dave Critchley said the detachment has revised its policy and procedures to prevent a similar incident in the future.

Deputy city manager Rick Earle said Read, a longtime city employee, has been terminated from his job.

Read is expected to appear in Vancouver provincial court on Dec. 13.



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► Occupy Vancouver demonstrators move a tent to comply with space requirements Tuesday as fire and city officials enforced compliance with the city's fire bylaws.

City switches gears to 'trespass' injunction

- Lawyers cite erecting structures on city property as a breach of bylaw
- Counter-argument: Injunction would violate freedom of expression

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The City of Vancouver changed its game plan yesterday and now wants the Occupy encampment outside the Vancouver Art Gallery removed for "trespassing."

Ben Parkin, a city lawyer, told B.C. Supreme Court Justice Anne MacKenzie Vancouver is now seeking a court injunction on the grounds

that the occupation is in breach of the city's land regulation bylaw.

"There is no dispute that people have erected structures on that property, and that is a breach of the bylaw, and an injunction should be granted, unless there are exceptional circumstances," Parkin told the court, adding it's in the public's interest to remove the protest site.

Meanwhile, Jason Gratl, who is representing occupier Sean O'Flynn-Magee,

urged the court not to grant the injunction on the grounds of freedom of expression and personal security.

"It would not be fitting to rely on a constitutional suspect bylaw, to overlook those adverse consequences," he said.

There was "ample evidence" that about half of the people at the Occupy encampment are homeless or have nowhere else to go, Gratl argued.

He added there are in-

sufficient shelter beds in Vancouver and those that exist pose a safety risk, especially for women.

"Sexual assaults are occurring in those shelters," Gratl said, adding these places are often unfit for habitation.

He further argued that the tents at the site are inseparable from the Occupy movement.

"They are political structures," he said.

The injunction hearing continues.

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VPD launches drive to trace the rioters

► Volunteers to distribute 35,000 'wanted' posters over 12 hours



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Riot investigators are reaching out to the public in a new campaign to identify suspects in the Stanley Cup riot, police Chief Jim Chu said yesterday.

For the first time in the department's history, they have enlisted the help of 150 volunteers from across the Lower Mainland.

The 150 who are tasked with distributing round-up posters — fold-outs with photos of 104 unidentified suspects from the June 15 riot.

"For some people, the (Stanley Cup) riot may seem like a long time ago, but for police officers and businesses that were victimized, it seems like yes-

terday," said Chu. "We care about the businesses that were damaged, and we care about the reputation of the city."

He expects volunteers will distribute 35,000 posters at 34 schools, local businesses and SkyTrain stations.

Team commander Insp. Les Yeo hopes people will share the posters with friends and that they will revisit the photos on the VPD's website.

"This is where the crimes occurred and this is where we're going to solve them," said Yeo. "We can't do this without the public's help."

He added that the investigation is progressing well with arrests being made almost every day at businesses and schools.



► Police chief Jim Chu holds a round-up poster on the corner of Georgia and Granville yesterday.

KENDRA WONG/METRO

MURDER CHARGE

Body found after routine traffic stop

A 63-year-old man appeared in court on a charge of first-degree murder in Vancouver yesterday after he was arrested last week at a routine traffic stop in Penticton.

Roger Badour, 63, was pulled over at 10:50 p.m. on Nov. 8 for a traffic violation in downtown

Penticton. He allegedly gave the officer an incorrect name and a search of this vehicle netted three guns (two were loaded) and a small amount of marijuana. His identity was established and he was arrested on a Canada-wide warrant.

A subsequent investigation led Mounties to the home of 56-year-old Penticton resident, Gisle Duckham.

She was discovered inside the home, dead from gunshot wounds.

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Cap carbon tax at 7 cents: MLAs

A report produced by the province's finance committee recommends capping the carbon tax to about seven cents a litre by next year.

The all-party committee released the document yesterday, but not everybody's happy with the findings.

New Democrat Doug Donaldson says the entire

committee supported 80 per cent of the recommendations, but NDP members rejected those that dealt with the carbon tax.

He says the Opposition thinks the Liberals are trying to do an end run around the tax and make changes without bringing the issue to the legislature.

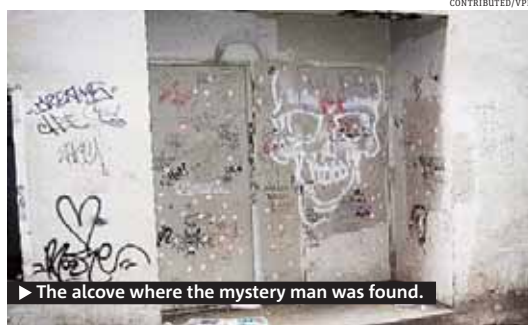
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Leaves stop SkyTrain

Leaves caused a major service disruption Saturday, TransLink said yesterday.

The storm-tossed leaves were crushed into an oily paste that caused the train wheels to slip.

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► The alcove where the mystery man was found.

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Can you help cops?

Police are asking the public for help after a 66-year-old man was found severely injured in a Downtown Eastside alleyway.

The man, who is in hospital with life-threatening injuries, was discovered by paramedics as they drove through the lane in the

unit block of East Hastings Street. He was unconscious, curled up on his side in an alcove.

The man was suffering from a head injury, broken bones and abrasions on his hands and face.

Paramedics transported him to hospital.

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FOL names priorities

Apprenticeships, worker safety and fairness for vulnerable workers should be priorities for the provincial government next year, B.C. Federation of Labour president Jim Sinclair said yesterday.

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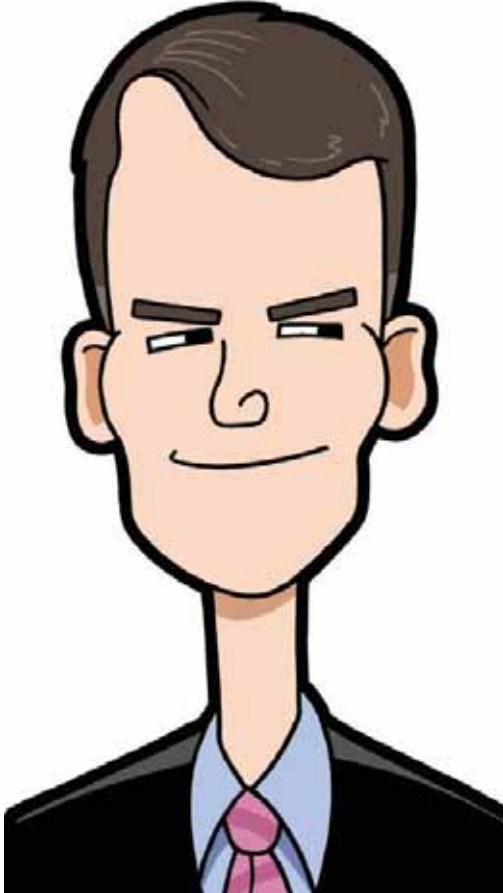
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THE RACE FOR VANCOUVER: THE INCUMBENT GREGOR ROBERTSON

A corporate CEO turned NDP MLA turned mayor, Gregor Robertson won his first term at city hall in the municipal election of 2008. Since then, his administration has been best known for implementing a number of high-profile initiatives related to homelessness, transit, and the environment — though not always without controversy. He's now seeking a second term under the Vision Vancouver party banner.

On the difference between the NPA and Vision:

Our style of governing is different. Vision is a big tent and more positive and collaborative, I think. The NPA was very partisan and was not effective at delivering solutions. Contrast our records on solving homelessness, for example. We've had a dramatic decrease in the number of street homeless people over the past three years, after nothing being done

and the numbers climbing under the previous council.

On the role of government in job creation:

Government should get out of the way and not create problems and red tape and excessive taxes. Government needs to enable business to do its thing, and business will find its way to succeed. It's about not causing problems and getting out of the way.

On cars in the city:

A lot of people, myself included, need cars to get around some of the time. So our city has to be good for all forms of transportation — including cars, since cars remain the dominant form of transportation. We invest tons of money every year in improving the road network and streets for cars. Shifting people into transit and

walking and biking actually address the traffic problems we have.

On multiculturalism:

We're an incredibly multicultural city now and there's lots of harmony. We're seen as a model city for many cultures getting along. That said, there's still a lot of solitudes and I've been to many different communities that are not integrated. We have to be purposeful in bringing cultures together and improving relations and connections.

On the possibility of violence at Occupy Vancouver:

I'm worried. There's increasing concern that there's a whole different crowd on the site now that's there for trouble. The original protest crowd has had enough, and wants to evolve the protest to be more

constructive and not connected to a tent camp, which is no longer safe.

On the cost of housing for young, middle-class people:

It's a huge issue, and I think a lot of people are struggling with it in this city. I don't know how my kids are going to afford to live in this city. The way it's going is just unimaginable compared to when I was first looking for a place. So we've got to work hard on it at city hall.

On becoming the "greenest city on earth":

Striving to be No. 1, I think, is a worthy endeavour. It creates jobs. It makes our city healthier and wealthier. So it's win-win.



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THE RACE FOR VANCOUVER: THE CHALLENGER SUZANNE ANTON

The only sitting member of Vancouver city council representing the opposition Non-Partisan Association, Suzanne Anton has been a persistent critic of Mayor Gregor Robertson and his Vision Vancouver party over the last three years. She's now running to unseat him.

On what makes the NPA different from Vision:

I like to think big about what we can do in Vancouver. The other guys are the team of no — no to the Canada Line, no to the Olympics, no to the stadium, no to the convention centre. We're the team of yes.

On "greening" Vancouver:

The city of Vancouver was already green. Gregor came to the greenest city in Canada. If he wanted to go somewhere where a green agenda would be hard, why didn't he go somewhere where they weren't already on that track? He jumped

into the easiest city in Canada to promote a green agenda.

On priorities:

You would not believe how often I've heard about side-walks in this campaign. That kind of fundamental service is Job 1 for cities. It may sound dull, but that's what cities do. Cities do sidewalks and roads and street lighting and sewers and all that dull-sounding infrastructure stuff. That's what will be Job No. 1 for me.

On the cost of apartments in Vancouver:

If you want to live right in the best part of downtown, then, yeah, that's always going to be really expensive. If you want to live further out in the city, it becomes more affordable the further out you go. When there are still people sleeping in doorways, I'm not very inclined to do things that subsidize rent.

On receiving money from real estate developers:

You have to separate, in your mind, the donor and the project that comes further down the road. In fact, I've voted against some donors who have not been too happy about that afterwards.

On the lesson of the Canucks riot:

Leadership, leadership, leadership. Nobody was in charge. And nobody took responsibility.

On the message of Occupy Vancouver:

I'm very interested in what they have to say. Would I have ever camped down there? No. Would I have gone down to listen? Absolutely. I go down now and pay attention. I've been to the site many times.

On the role of the municipal government:

Gregor has tried to bring a

lot of provincial responsibilities to the city of Vancouver. He has persuaded taxpayers that housing is Vancouver's problem to solve. No, it's not. It's a provincial problem to solve. Practically everything he's interested in is provincial. And every time you expand your role into provincial matters, it ends up being tough on taxpayers.

On the prospect of being the city's first female mayor:

Every mayor of Vancouver has been a white male despite the fact that we're supposed to be a city of diversity. So it has a lot of significance for me.

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Skate down the aisle gets TSN play

► Hockey-themed nuptial features matrimonial puck drop ► Video gets recognition from big names in sports



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Vancouver videographer Andrew Noon still could not believe his hockey-themed wedding trailer has crossed the border.

His small Vancouver wedding video has gained international play and has been featured by the biggest names in sports.

Noon was approached by hockey fanatics Brit Wong and Drew Burant, who wanted their unconventional "wedding on ice" captured on video.

Burant, who grew up in Regina, is an Edmonton Oilers diehard, while Wong, a figure skater turned hockey player, is a Vancouver Canucks fan.

The cinematic trailer captured the couple's

"My initial thought was, I'm going to upload this video and the bride and groom will be able to relive their unique wedding."

VIDEOGRAPHER ANDREW NOON

spring wedding at the Killarney Ice Rink in all its hockey-wedding glory, from the ceremonial face-off to the skate down the aisle.

"They were looking to get someone who was comfortable filming wearing shoes with spikes and walking on the ice," Noon said. "When they came to me, I said, 'Yes, I'd been playing hockey pretty much my whole life.'"

Noon, owner of Clear Horizon Productions Inc.,

said he uploaded a 25-second teaser, and Greg Wyshynski, editor of the Puck Daddy blog on Yahoo Sports, somehow stumbled upon it and posted it on his popular blog.

"I was kind of taken aback by that because I don't know how he found it," he said.

Noon then started working on a full-length teaser and emailed it back to Wyshynski, who agreed to post it again. After two days, the video was viewed more than 155,000 times.

Noon said he received an email from a producer that same day, asking him if they could feature the video on the U.S.-based show Dan Le Batard Is Highly Questionable on ESPN2 and TSN2. His hockey-wedding video was featured on the show yesterday afternoon.



► Brit Wong and Drew Burant seal the deal with a kiss during their Sept. 3 hockey-themed wedding at Killarney Ice Rink.

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Superhero crime fighters scolded by the Mounties

► Escapades involve publicly shaming men accused of being pedophiles
► To Troll a Predator Facebook page garners praise and over 2,000 likes



► A screengrab from a To Troll a Predator YouTube video.



MATT KIELTYKA
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Four men have promised to put aside their brief stint as crime fighters after videos of their costumed adven-

tures caught the eye of RCMP.

The vigilante justice came in the form of To Troll a Predator, a series of YouTube videos in which the men — two teenagers, an 18-year-old and a 20-year-old — pose as a 15-year-old girl on dating sites and agree to meet up with older men in a public location.

When the contact arrives, the men — armed with a camera — spring into action dressed as Batman and the Flash, accuse them of being pedophiles and publicly shame them.

As amusing as the viral videos may be, RCMP were less than thrilled.

"This activity is not something the RCMP would condone or recommend," said spokesperson Cpl. Tammy Hollingsworth in a written statement.

"Unfortunately, these youths and men didn't consider the potential consequences of their actions, or the impact to their personal safety or the safety of other

"Keep up the great, awesome, fabulous work in helping protect our beloved, precious children."

QUOTE FROM TO TROLL A PREDATOR
FACEBOOK PAGE

youths and the community."

RCMP say the "superheroes" have been contacted by police and have agreed to stop their escapades.

The RCMP's integrated child exploitation unit is now involved, though it's not known whether the alleged predators in the videos are being investigated. While police have frowned upon their actions, the unidentified men are receiving overwhelming praise on a To Troll a Predator Facebook page that has garnered over 2,000 likes.

"Keep up the great, awesome, fabulous work in helping protect our beloved, precious children," one person wrote.

Occupy taking a bite out of city's foodcarts: Anton

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO FILE

Local businesses have had enough of Occupy Vancouver, said NPA mayoral candidate Suzanne Anton on a visit to two food carts downtown yesterday.

"(Occupy Vancouver) is a huge cost to taxpayers — neighbouring businesses and hotels are expressing concerns," she said. "Now we're in court and the costs are just mounting."

Local food-cart vendors claim the protest has significantly impacted their businesses since the encampment was set up on Oct. 15.

Mark Cohen, the owner and operator of Mangal Kiss Mid East BBQ, had to move his food cart from the Vancouver Art Gallery to the corner of Georgia and Burrard streets because of protesters.



► NPA mayoral candidate
Suzanne Anton

"We went from serving 80 to 20 people because of the protest," said Cohen. "People feel threatened and were being harassed by protesters ... business is slowly dying."

Anton also visited Re-Up food cart on Robson Street, which also had to relocate because of the protest.

● KENDRA WONG

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COPE hopes for local artist support

COPE city council candidates R.J. Aquino and Ellen Woodsworth promised yesterday to fight for artist spaces and innovative small businesses.

They've proposed lowering taxes and fast-tracking licences for businesses like The Net-



► Aquino and Woodsworth.

work Hub, which provides shared working space for entrepreneurs trying to get their projects up and running.

The COPE hopefuls are also calling for an audit of all existing studio artist spaces in the city and setting up seed money to help nurture local artists.

● MATT KIELTYKA

Officer charged with impaired driving

A Richmond RCMP officer is facing impaired-driving charges in relation to a Delta hit-and-run in September.

Charges against Cpl. Tony Bernard were announced yesterday.

Mounties said they stem from an incident on Sept. 15, 2011, when a

car was allegedly side-swiped in the 5400 block of Highway 17 by a driver who then fled the scene.

Delta police tracked the suspect vehicle down and learned it was being driven by an off-duty RCMP officer.

Bernard is charged with having care and control of a motor vehicle while impaired, refusal to provide a breath sample, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and failing to stop after an accident.

His next court appearance is scheduled for Nov. 21.

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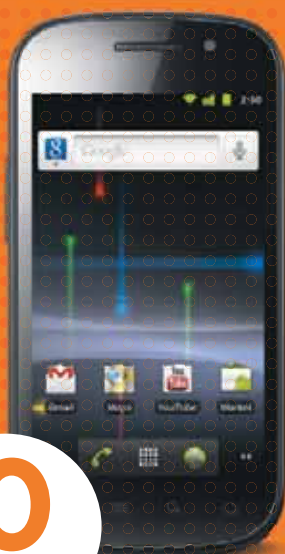


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Man who fed bears charged with doing it again: Conservation officers

► Couple used bears to guard marijuana plantation, officers allege ► Twenty-four tame bears killed

Conservation officers near Christina Lake were forced to kill 24 bears this year after they became dependent on dog food handed out by a man police believe was using the bears to guard his marijuana plantation.

Allan Piche was charged this week with feeding the animals, the second time he has faced charges of feeding dangerous wildlife. His wife, Kathleen Piche, was also charged.

Insp. Chris Doyle of the B.C. Conservation Service said the 24 bears were destroyed after potentially dangerous interactions

Court date

► **Allan Piche is scheduled to make his first court appearance on Dec. 13 and is set to return to court the next day for a sentencing hearing on the same charge laid last year.**

► **Piche could be handed up to \$100,000 in fines and a year in jail. If convicted a second time, the fines and jail time could double.**

with people.

They were "approaching people and searching for non-natural food

around other people's houses and simply not being scared off," he said.

Typically, officers have to kill only four or five nuisance bears a year, Doyle said.

Piche was arrested in August 2010 when police discovered tame black bears apparently guarding a marijuana plantation.

Photos depicted an officer grinning into the camera with a couple of docile black bears ambling behind him.

Police were on the property to get rid of thousands of marijuana plants.

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► An RCMP officer poses with bears at Christina Lake in 2010.

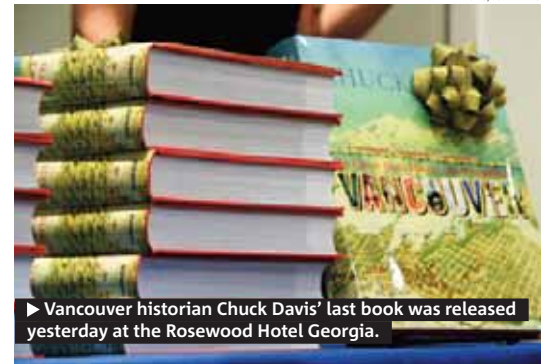
Beloved author renews Vancouver history

Five hundred and fifty-four pages, 475,000 words, 1,000 photos and more than 125 years of history make up the late Chuck Davis' final book, *The Chuck Davis History of Metropolitan Vancouver*, released yesterday.

The book, unveiled on the eve of the author's birthday, is a compilation of facts and stories from each year of Vancouver's history from 1757.

Stories include the creation of Vancouver police, a history of Vancouver riots and the opening of the Lions Gate Bridge.

Allen Garr, a longtime friend and spokesperson for the book, said Davis's passion for the city and sense of humour are reflected in the work that took nearly 20 years to



► Vancouver historian Chuck Davis' last book was released yesterday at the Rosewood Hotel Georgia.

complete.

"It's such an eclectic gathering of material. Chuck's mind works in weird and wonderful ways and it's truly like him," Garr said.

"The people of Vancouver are lucky to have a man of his passion put this

together for them."

Publisher Howard White described the book as "fun, fat and full of facts" — exactly how Garr described Davis.

Chuck Davis died of cancer on Nov. 20 last year. In his 75 years, he published 18 books. ● KENDRA WONG

Four hurt in crash

A crash between a school bus and a transport truck in northeast B.C. has in-

jured two children, one of them seriously.

Police say the accident happened at about 7 a.m. yesterday on a road in the community of Altona, north of Fort St.

John. The driver of the semi-trailer was airlifted to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, while the bus driver was not badly hurt.

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► Workshop leader Jacklyn Harris helps nine-year-old Michael with his creature at David Lloyd George elementary school.



Art program helps at-risk children

► Partnership between Emily Carr, Vancouver School Board takes hands-on approach to student mentoring

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Students from David Lloyd George elementary school were given the opportunity to build creatures from scratch in a pilot project that encourages creativity and imagination for at-risk children.

The partnership between Emily Carr University of Art and Design and the Vancouver School Board's community schools team pairs vulnerable kids

between the ages of five and 12 with art students and high-school volunteers.

Marisol Peterson, VSB community schools co-ordinator, said students may be "academically, socially, or emotionally" vulnerable.

"It offers a good opportunity for students to engage with art and learn on a more hands-on level," said Jacklyn Harris, a fourth-year visual arts major at Emily Carr.

There are 16 hour-long,

after-school workshops, including book-binding, mask-making, pinhole-camera construction and a session on how to create a comic-book superhero.

So far, the program has received a thumbs-up from participants.

"It's pretty good, we're learning and it's really fun," 10-year-old Fiona Guan said. "We get to keep the stuff we make."

There are currently 128 elementary school children enrolled in the program.

RCMP cameras found with images

The RCMP say cameras found in a tree by a Grand Forks man were installed as part of a marijuana grow-op investigation.

When Dion Nordick found the cameras after their flashes went off, he removed them from the tree and examined the

memory cards, which contained pictures of dead bodies.

Staff Sgt. Dan Seibel says he suspects a wrong button was pushed or the cameras malfunctioned, and the police want the cameras back so they can notify the families of anyone whose picture may be on the memory cards.

Nordick's lawyer says the cameras were installed on his client's property without a search warrant but Seibel says the placement of the cameras didn't require a warrant. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Swimming culprit caught

A Southern Interior man who leapt into the Shuswap River to escape police and a single day in jail will now be spending 21 days behind bars.

Cameron Christen, 34, of Enderby, who got away on Nov. 3, was caught a week later and brought down by a dog team the RCMP brought along to help in his arrest.

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Taser. Phone

► Toronto's major crime unit, Canada's Border Services Agency and the Toronto Police Service's guns and gangs unit display seized stun guns that look like cellphones along with many other weapons and guns in Toronto yesterday. Muna El Badri, 23, of Toronto faces 185 charges. Police say Keri McKnight, 30, of Toronto, is wanted for 275 charges. He is considered armed and dangerous.



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Law enforcement happens upon incognito arms

Toronto police have uncovered a cache of weapons worthy of a spy novel. Yesterday officers showed off dozens of stun guns — which look like thick cellphones with tiny prongs at one end — that were seized by police in a raid last week, along with boxes of fake lipsticks and lighters that spray tear gas. The weapons stash also included a TEC-9 submachine gun, a Cobra nine-millimetre handgun, several butterfly knives and brass knuckles.

Opposition not part of team at climate talks

► Green party leader says accreditation process is a stroke of the pen

Opposition MPs had better hope for a seat sale if they want to go to the next round of international climate talks.

Environment Minister Peter Kent says the opposition parties will not be part of Canada's official delegation at a UN-led meeting in South Africa later this month.

So if they want to take the Tories to task, they will have to pay their own way.

"It's our government's

decision with regards to this conference," Kent said yesterday.

Canada's delegation will include members of the governing Conservative party, as well as business leaders and other experts.

Taxpayers will still pick up the tab for the official delegation, but Kent says the group will be smaller than in past years.

Kent says he does not see any value in bringing along his political rivals.

"We have seen, and I would expect, no helpful comment from the opposition environment critics in what will be for us a challenging COP 17," he said, referring to the highest body of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Those meetings will run from Nov. 28 through Dec. 9.

Opposition MPs have been included in climate talks some years and excluded in others.

Green party Leader Elizabeth May asked Kent in the House of Commons if the government would let opposition MPs be part of the delegation if they paid their own freight.

"Where opposition members of Parliament are prepared to pay their own way, will the government commit to ensuring that opposition members of Parliament go to Durban as representatives of Canada?" **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Parents bug daughter to prove bullying

The parents of a 14-year-old special-needs student in Ohio say they hid a recording device on the girl to prove a teacher and school aide were bullying her.

Media outlets report the parents complained to

school officials last year about the alleged bullying in the Miami Trace district, 50 kilometres southwest of Columbus.

Then the parents secretly recorded audio of the instructors.

In the recording, the

aide tells the girl she's dumb and says: "It's no wonder you don't have friends. No wonder nobody likes you because you lie, cheat."

The district superintendent tells the Washington Court House Record

Herald that the aide resigned.

The Ohio Department of Education decided to suspend the teacher's licence for a year unless she completes special training.

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New RCMP chief to tackle harassment

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Incoming RCMP commissioner Bob Paulson steps into his new job with a daunting task — get to the bottom of harassment within the national police force.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews introduced the veteran Mountie to media yesterday and immediately announced that the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP will investigate the issue that has dogged the force for years.

The new commissioner endorsed the move wholeheartedly and said stamping out harassment will be

"This does not represent the force that I joined and this condition cannot stand."

BOB PAULSON, INCOMING RCMP COMMISSIONER, ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS

the first item on his plate. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NEW BRUNSWICK

Sex toys, underwear stolen

RCMP in New Brunswick say more people are coming forward complaining that sex toys and women's underwear were stolen from their homes.

Last Thursday, police reported there had been seven break-ins in the Saint-Paul and Sainte-Marie areas where

women's undergarments and sex toys were taken.

They now say four more people have come forward with similar complaints since then.

The thefts, all committed while the homes were empty, began in July.

In one case, officers say lingerie was taken from a clothesline.

Police say they believe there may be more people who had such items stolen but may be reluctant to come forward.

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Jury hears teacher had sex with boy

A jury has heard that a former Saskatchewan teacher held hands with a male student she's accused of sexually exploiting and cavorted with him in a hot tub during a school choir field trip to Alberta.

The testimony came on Tuesday at the trial for Bonnie McLachlan in Prince Albert, Sask.

The former Grade 9 teacher was charged after an investigation into an alleged teacher-student relationship in the early 1990s.

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Minister catches teen pranksters

Alberta's education minister is not amused by a prank two teenagers pulled when they pulled him over by posing as police officers.

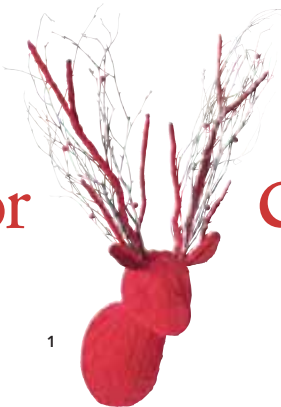
Thomas Lukaszuk says he was driving when a car with flashing red and blue lights pulled up behind him.

Lukaszuk stopped but soon realized he wasn't dealing with legitimate officers. He got their licence number and followed them until real officers showed up to deal with the bogus police.

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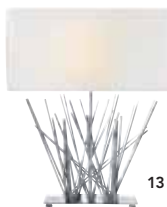
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► Ready for action: Italy's new PM, Mario Monti, pictured in Rome yesterday, will implement "sacrifices" to balance the country's budget.

Arrivederci: Italy's politicians shut out

► New PM creates a crisis team of bankers, diplomats and business experts ► Monti, Berlusconi shake on it

Prime Minister Mario Monti yesterday formed a new Italian government — with an Italian twist.

His cabinet has not one single politician.

Monti has created a team of bankers, diplomats and business executives to steer Italy away from financial disaster.

"I hope that, governing well, we can make a contribution to the calming and cohesion of the political forces," Monti said.

The 68-year-old former European Union commissioner said he'll serve as Italy's economy minister as well as its prime minister as he seeks "sacrifices" from across the political

Bonds bombing

- Hopes for the new administration won Italy some respite in financial markets yesterday, but the relief didn't last long.
- By afternoon, the yield or interest rate on 10-year Italian bonds was back dangerously near 7 per cent — the threshold that eventually forced Greece, Ireland and Portugal to seek bailouts.

spectrum to solve the Italian economy's woes.

Monti and his new cabinet ministers were sworn in at the presidential palace. The ceremony formally ended Silvio Berlus-

coni's three-year-old government and the media mogul's 17-year-long political dominance.

Berlusconi and Monti shook hands in an unofficial handover of power.

Why does Monti's cabinet have no one from the ranks of Italy's fractious political parties?

Monti said he decided after talks with party leaders "that the non-presence of politicians in the government would help it."

Analysts gave Monti's selections top marks. "I think the quality of the people is very high," said Roberto D'Alimonte, a political science professor at Rome's LUISS University.

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Greek vote paves the way for pain

Greece's new coalition government easily won a confidence vote in parliament yesterday.

It enables Prime Minister Lucas Papademos to speed up long-term reforms and secure a

massive new bailout deal involving banks and rescue creditors. Greece is at the heart of a vicious debt crisis that has brought it to the brink of bankruptcy.

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Women more likely to have 'broken heart': Study

► Hormones may play a role in 'broken heart syndrome'
► 1% of cases prove fatal

Females are seven to nine times more likely to suffer "broken heart syndrome," when sudden or prolonged stress like an emotional breakup or death causes overwhelming heart failure or heart-attack-like symptoms, the first U.S.-wide study of this finds.

Usually patients recover with no lasting damage.

The classic case is "a woman who has just lost her husband," said Dr. Mariell Jessup, a University of Pennsylvania heart-failure specialist who has treated many such cases. Tests show dramatic

changes in rhythm and blood substances typical of a heart attack, but no artery blockages that typically cause one.

Dr. Abhishek Deshmukh of the University of Arkansas had treated some of these cases. "I was very curious why only women

were having this," he said, so he did the first large study of the problem and reported results yesterday at an American Heart Association conference in Florida.

No one knows why women are more likely to suffer from the condition,

said Dr. Abhiram Prasad, a Mayo Clinic cardiologist who presented other research on this syndrome at the conference.

"It's the only cardiac condition where there's such a female preponderance," he said.

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Tibetan. Protest



► An exiled Tibetan shouts slogans against the Chinese government yesterday during a march in New Delhi.

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Exiled march in India

Yesterday's demonstration in New Delhi aimed to raise awareness of recent acts of self-immolation by some Tibetans, and protest crackdowns on monasteries.

Veterans challenge clawbacks to federal disability benefit

Lawyers for Canadian veterans were in federal court yesterday in Halifax arguing that disability benefits for hundreds of former members are being unfairly cut back.

The veterans, who have launched a class-action suit, say their long-term disability benefits are being reduced by the amount of their disability pensions.

The veterans say the government is clawing back their disability because it has incorrectly deemed it income. The hearing is looking at whether the government has the legal right to pare back the disability benefit and if it is miscalculating the benefit.

Ward Branch, one of the claimants' lawyers, argued

2007 Veteran Dennis Manuge launched the lawsuit in 2007 and it was certified by the Federal Court of Canada the following year.

in court yesterday that the disability benefit they get from Veterans Affairs for injuries sustained during their service shouldn't be considered income.

"We say you are certainly not gaining by being paid something to accommodate your disability," he said. "To equate that with the concept of income ... is not a reasonable interpretation."

More than a dozen veterans filled the courtroom on the first day of the two-day hearing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Whodunit? Air strike a mystery

U.S., France both deny attack on terrorist 'summit'

When thundering explosions rattled a small Somali town during a meeting of Islamist insurgent leaders, it sent them scurrying for safety.

An international military force appears to have launched the powerful, well-timed attack, but no one will admit it.

The two top possibilities — the U.S. and French militaries — both deny responsibility.

Officials from the two countries even suggested it might be the other.

Sunday night's explosion in Afgoye — a heavily populated corridor along a main road leading out of the Somali capital — came as Somalia's al-Qaida-

Missile motives

Both the U.S. and France have motives for launching a missile.

▶ The U.S. lists al-Shabab as a terrorist organization and is alarmed by its recruitment of young Americans.

▶ Last month, Somali gunmen abducted an elderly French woman from her home in Kenya. She died. Another French hostage, a military official, has been held for more than two years.

linked al-Shabab militia is fighting to defend itself on two fronts.

African Union soldiers have taken over the capital, Mogadishu, and Kenyan soldiers crossed the border into southern Somalia last month.

But neither Kenya nor the AU force — known as AMISOM — was likely to have launched the attack, said Lauren Gelfand, the Africa and Middle East editor of Jane's Defence Weekly.

"To have that kind of strike capability is completely beyond AMISOM. They have no air support," said Gelfand.

"The Kenyan F5s (jets) do have the capability, but whether they have the precision is unlikely."

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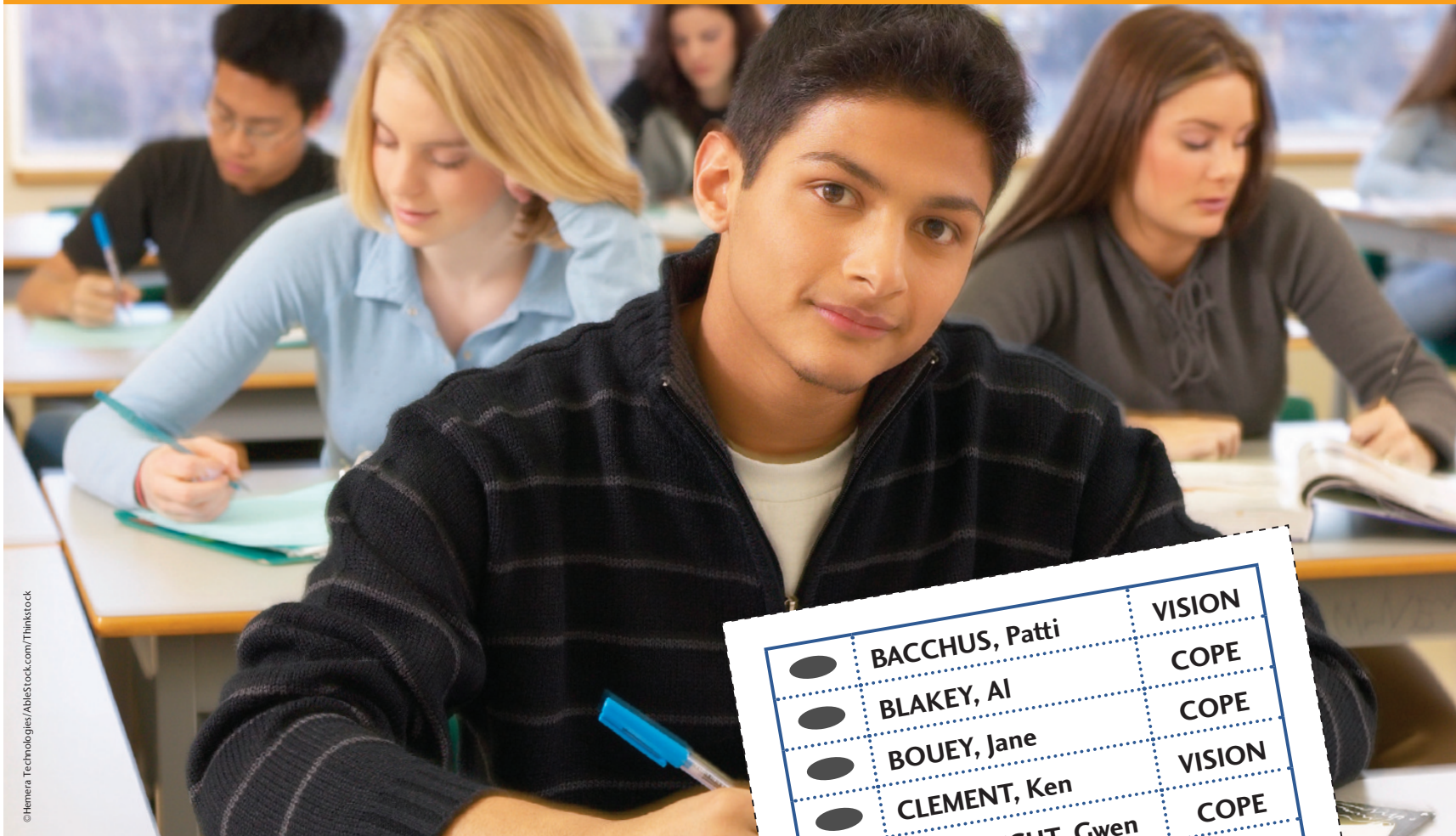
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Storm. Damage

► Chad Scott inspects damage to his cousin's home in Auburn, Ala., yesterday. A path of storms swept across the state, leaving behind fallen trees and some heavy wind damage.

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Southeast U.S. takes a battering

One person has been killed in a storm system that produced several possible tornadoes throughout the U.S. southeast. The person was killed in north Georgia when a tree fell on a sport utility vehicle. The storms have damaged dozens of homes and buildings in at least three states. At least 16 people have been hurt.

Driver abandoned bus, rider claims

► Ottawa's OC Transpo: Recent incidents are anomalies



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Ottawa's OC Transpo is investigating the latest in a series of incidents involving a driver — in this case, a driver allegedly abandoning his bus after a confrontation with a

passenger.

A driver of the No. 5 bus left it running, with passengers aboard, on the MacKenzie King Bridge after passenger Henry McCambridge repeatedly asked why the bus was often late, according to McCambridge. The passengers left when they realized the driver wasn't coming back

and a supervisor arrived shortly.

The incident occurred on the same day another driver was fired for swearing at, and threatening, an autistic college student.

General manager of OC Transpo Alain Mercier said the recent incidents don't reflect the behaviour of most employees.

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New bills not thief-proof, store owners say

► Many stores don't accept \$100 bills for staff safety ► High percentage of customers pay with debit cards

Store owners who are impressed with the security innovations built into the \$100 polymer bill are in no rush to stuff them into their tills or accept them from customers, some say.

The polymer banknotes, unveiled on Monday by the Bank of Canada, are expected to keep fraudsters at bay and spare taxpayers the cost of replacing the bills every seven years.

But some store owners

are reluctant to get on board. Anil Dangra, manager of a Mac's Convenience Store in Nanaimo, said he refuses to allow customers to pay with a \$100 bill after regular business hours as a way of protecting staff working the cash alone at night.

The new currency may give counterfeiters pause, but won't prove any less attractive to thieves, he said.

"It has nothing to do

with the counterfeit bills. It has to do with how much money you have in the till," Dangra said.

The security features will benefit businesses that are vulnerable to potential fraudsters, he concedes, adding his store has been fooled twice by counterfeit bills recently.

Those benefits, however, may not be felt until more commonly used bills are put into circulation. Dangra



said the vast majority of cash transactions are completed using smaller bills, and only one to two customers a week try to pay using the \$100 denomination.

Linda Su, co-owner of Summer's Best Fruits and Flowers in Toronto, agreed.

"They mostly spend 20s," Su said of her customers. "You might get a couple of 50s a day, but most popular is 20."

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Occupying a generation

► Expert calls movement that brought together unionists, students and other groups unprecedented in recent memory ► Everyone wondering how long it can survive after protesters hauled away from worldwide sites

The Occupy protest is the most important democratic social movement of the last two generations and demonstrators who have taken over parks and other public spaces should be left alone, an expert in social movements says.

As civic authorities across Canada and the U.S. move to end the various occupations, Vincent Mosco, professor emeritus of sociology at Queen's University, says the "extraordinary" movement had created a rarely seen coalition.

"It's everywhere — not just in large cities, but in small towns," Mosco said.

Back in the 1970s, he said, construction workers beat up anti-war students

in the streets of New York City. Now, the workers go with their own protest signs and join the Occupy Wall Street demonstration in the city's Zuccotti Park.

Earlier this week, authorities cleared the Manhattan plaza, a scene that's been playing out around the world over the past few days.

But Mosco believes the movement would survive because of its significance, even if protesters end up evicted from their last remaining strongholds.

No matter what happens, Mosco said they have already made people pay attention to issues of wealth distribution and democracy.

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Occupy Calgary

The city's bylaw boss says an early-morning tent fire in Olympic Plaza that sent two Occupy Calgary demonstrators to hospital "validates what we've been saying all along."

"There's a safety issue here and it's of grave concern to us, especially with the weather forecast," said Bill Bruce, the director of Animal and Bylaw Services.

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Protesters cleared from Occupy Regina

Police and city bylaw officials have cleared the last remaining tents from the Occupy Regina protest site.

The city says police went to Victoria Park in downtown Regina late Tuesday and found two people in the park along with nine tents.

Both people were given tickets, bringing the total to nine tickets issued since Monday.

Police and city staff went back to the park at 5 a.m. and found the tents empty and the site abandoned.

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Occupy London

London officials attached eviction notices to protest tents outside St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday. They are asking demonstrators to remove the camp by Thursday evening or face legal action.

Cathedral and city officials had offered the protesters a deal to allow them to stay until the new year if they then agreed to leave. But the corporation said Tuesday that talks had failed.

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Occupy Seattle

An 84-year-old woman in Seattle has quickly become a face of the national Occupy Wall Street movement after she was hit with pepper spray during a march after police told the group they had to move.

"They picked up their bicycles and started showing them at us and confining us in a very small place and they started to pepper spray," she said.

Six people were arrested, but not the woman.

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Hardball tactics on crime bill

► Harper ally accuses Quebec of being 'soft' on lawbreakers

The war of words between Ottawa and Quebec over federal tough-on-crime legislation is heating up.

Sen. Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu, one of the Harper government's official spokespersons on its massive, omnibus crime bill, has accused Quebec of being "soft on crime."

He dismissed amendments proposed by Quebec Justice Minister Jean-Marc Fournier to soften penalties for young offenders.

"I think Quebec is soft on crime," Boisvenu said. "We have this tendency in Quebec. I hear this debate just about everywhere. As soon as we want to question the system, it's very difficult to do it."

But the Liberals signalled they will champion Quebec's concerns, adopt-

On fast track

- The omnibus crime legislation includes a new act to deal with violent young offenders, as well as restricted house arrest for violent and serious crimes.
- Bill C-10 is being fast-tracked through Parliament by the Conservative government.

ing Fournier's proposed amendments as their own.

"We do so because we think it's extremely important that the federal government listen to the experience of the government of Quebec in the area, particularly of the treatment of juvenile offenders," said the interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae.

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► Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae, pictured in the Commons yesterday, says Ottawa "should be listening to all the provinces" on the crime bill.

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In brief

18 kids killed in bus crash

CHINA. An overloaded school minibus crashed head-on with a truck in rural western China yesterday, killing at least 18 kindergarten children on their way to class, officials said.
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Now ball's in pupils' court

BANNED. Kids at an east-end Toronto school are being told to leave their soccer balls — and other hard balls — at home. The principal of Earl Beatty Public School banned the

balls after a parent suffered a concussion from being hit in the head with a soccer ball.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man taking aim at Obama?

MISSION? A man with an apparent obsession with U.S. President Barack Obama was arrested in Pennsylvania yesterday after the Secret Service — the presidential bodyguards — discovered two bullets had struck the White House.

Authorities say there are indications Oscar Ortega-Hernandez believed his attack was part of a personal mission from God.
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Productivity gap carries heavy cost

► Companies' failure to invest in new machinery, technology hits Canadians in the wallet: Study

Canadians would have about \$7,500 more a year in disposable income if companies had been able to keep up with their U.S. rivals in productivity over the past decade, the Conference Board of Canada reports.

Based on the premise that Canada's productivity has lagged the U.S. by 0.8 percentage points a year from 1998 to 2008, the Conference Board study suggests:

- Real per capita gross domestic product had fallen \$8,500 further back in 2008 than where it would have been had the gap not existed.

- As well, corporate profits would have risen

Market moment

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by about 40 per cent and government revenues by 31 per cent.

But the most revealing finding is that Canadians

would on average be much wealthier, allowing them to spend more and boost the economic performance of the country.

Economist Mario Lefebvre, who wrote the report, said he tried to personalize what is at stake because he finds few people understand how productivity — which measures output in terms of hours worked — affects them.

The report puts the blame for the gap on the corporate sector, noting Canadian firms have not kept up with their U.S. counterparts in adopting the latest technologies that boost the ability of their workers to produce more. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Never. Say die



► TransCanada Corp. is still dedicated to moving the Keystone XL pipeline forward despite a recent delay, its chief executive says. Russ Girling says TransCanada is confident U.S. regulators will approve the Alberta-to-Texas line once a new route is worked out to avoid ecologically sensitive parts of Nebraska.

JEFF MCINTOSH / THE CANADIAN PRESS

Keystone delayed, not dead, CEO says

Facebook fends off latest spam attack

Facebook has stopped most of the spam that has flooded many users' pages with pictures showing graphic sex and violence, the company

said yesterday.

The latest attack tricked users into pasting malicious links into the address bars in their Web browsers. This exploited

a browser vulnerability that caused them inadvertently to share the graphic content with their Facebook friends.

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Canada needs united front on energy, says Alberta premier

Ottawa and the provinces should rally together on oil, gas and other forms of Canadian-produced energy as the country looks to markets beyond the United States, Alberta Premier Alison Redford says.

In a speech to the Economic Club of Canada in Toronto, Redford said yesterday that the developing world is hungry for Cana-

an energy and if Canada is to be a global energy leader, it must reduce market dependence on the U.S. as its demand declines.

She said the U.S. government delay of the Keystone pipeline in the U.S. is an example of why Canada needs to look to Asia and elsewhere. Her remarks came during a flood of activity in the oil pipeline industry.



► Redford

Enbridge Inc. said yesterday that it would pay \$1.15

billion US for a half-stake in an existing pipeline from the Gulf Coast and reverse its flow to relieve a build-up of oil storage in Cushing, Okla.

Enbridge rival TransCanada Corp., meanwhile, said it may be possible to build the southern leg of its Alberta-to-Texas Keystone XL pipeline next year.

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REVENUE GRAB

Berlin taps tourists for hotel tax

Berlin plans to levy a new tax on hotel stays, drawing on the German capital's bustling tourist trade to help improve its strained finances.

The plan is part of an agreement reached yesterday for centre-left Mayor Klaus Wowereit to form a coalition with the local branch of

Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative Christian Democrats. Wowereit's Social Democratic party says the tax could bring in some 20 million euros a year.

It will be levied starting January 2013 in the form of a five per cent tax on hotel stays.

Berlin has become one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations in recent years.

Wowereit won his third mandate as mayor in September.

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HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO



Let's begin.

It's important to note that, according to the RCMP, the number of seized counterfeit bills in Canada has dropped dramatically in the last decade. This can only mean one thing: *Counterfeiters are fooling us more than ever.*

When the number of bogus bills seized annually drops to zero, we'll know the criminals have finally won.

But you can help fight counterfeitism by paying special attention to the new bills — look at them, flip them, feel them, talk to them, come to know them.

The bills are a mix of old and new: For instance, the image of Robert Borden on the \$100 is now looking right at you. But, in a nod to the old design, you'll still have no idea who Robert Borden was or what he did.

"The new notes are magic-eye puzzles. If you let your eyes go out of focus, you will see, depending on the denomination, John A. Macdonald with his head resting on a toilet bowl or Pierre Elliot Trudeau giving you the finger."

depictions of the Queen show her with a nose ring; on counterfeit bills, her pearls are also fake.

- The King of Kensington was never actually part of the British monarchy.

Still not sure? The new bills also allow new ways to check their legitimacy beyond simple visuals:

- Chewing on a new bill for one hour will trigger the taste of wild pomegranates.
- A new \$100 will burn at 233 C. Results vary, so burn at least 10 of them, then calculate the mean temperature.
- The new notes are magic-eye puzzles. If you let your eyes go out of focus, you will see, depending on the denomination, John A. Macdonald with his head resting on a toilet bowl or Pierre Elliot Trudeau giving you the finger.

If you follow these tips and still can't decide if your bill is real, please mail it to me and I will ascertain its value in the most respected and time-honoured method available. I will spend it. You can't be too careful.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

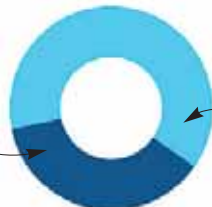
Welcome to the Bank of Canada's public-awareness campaign designed to help Canadians learn about the newly unveiled \$100 bills and how to spot counterfeit cash.



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Letters

BILL C-10.

We do not need more hardened criminals and an outrageously expensive prison system that gives us nothing back. **ERIN ELLIS, OTTAWA**

We know that this approach will fail at achieving its stated goals — Texas gives a clear example of this. The Canadian Bar Association has taken a clear stance against it, stating that it may actually worsen the problems it is purported to fix. High costs — both monetary and social. It targets those in our country who are already most vulnerable, the poor, mentally ill and addicted. **MATT TAVES, VANCOUVER**

It just doesn't make sense to jail an 18-year-old drug dealer and then release them in five or 10 years and imagine that s/he will suddenly be a law-abiding citizen. How can they when they haven't learned how? But if those years are used to teach that person how to live without drugs, to treat their depression, how to get a job, then the chances seem much better that that person can survive without turning to crime, and not re-offend. **DR LAURA CLARK, MD, TORONTO**

Local tweets



► **@FionaForbes:** Does anyone have a picture of Brian

Burke's mustache? I keep hearing it's hilarious but can't find a pic!

► **@CityofVancouver:** It's windy & the leaves are falling. Please don't rake leaves onto the street. With rain/snow, flooding occurs. ow.ly/7vMQZ

► **@NPAVancouver:** Today, Suzanne Anton is having lunch & visiting food carts whose small businesses have fallen victim to Occupy protest #supportYVRfood-carts

► **@NeilChantler:** Long-standing sex trade worker support group may be forced to close doors due to lack of support ow.ly/7vD-Wi #MWWCI

► **@BCLionsDen:** And here is the list of the #CFL all-stars: RT @FifthQtr: Nine Lions among league's best wp.me/p1JrHa-bhB

► **@Erica_Sigurdson:** The word amazing is almost like magazine if you are autocorrect and I am not wearing my glasses.

► **@shinguardian:** Whoa, whoa, whoa. Hassli didn't win Goal of the Year! Terrific strike by Nagbe, but that's the definition of criminal. Hassli, symphonic.



photo of the day

► This photo titled Ferris Wheel was submitted to the Pleasure category by Artur Andronic from the U.S.



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WEIRD NEWS

Maybe she thinks she has a 50/50 chance

Lindsey Ann Miller, the pretty 26-year-old UCLA student suffering with a rare form of pancreatic cancer was so moved by the performance of Joseph Gordon-Levitt in the film 50/50 that she's made a very public YouTube plea for a coffee date with the Hollywood actor.

Gordon-Levitt, 30, best known for his role in the TV sitcom 3rd Rock From the Sun, was praised for his

unique portrayal of a young man diagnosed with cancer in this fall's hit 50/50.

Miller was diagnosed a year ago with neuro-endocrine pancreatic cancer, underwent surgery in December to remove tumours from her liver and continues to endure nauseating bouts of chemotherapy treatments.

Miller acknowledges the video is a long shot. But why not? She figures, "Life is short." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES



► Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Joined through blood

► Critically acclaimed *Blood Brothers* opens at the Arts Club Theatre's Granville Island Stage

BACKSTAGE PASS

GRAEME MCRANOR
METRO VANCOUVER



There will be *Blood Brothers*. If you hate musicals, you're going to love the Arts Club Theatre Company's latest musical, *Blood Brothers*.

So says British dramatist Willy Russell, creator of *Blood Brothers*.

He's probably biased, but there are some heavy hitting pundits on his side. For example, the International Herald Tribune called it the greatest musical of the decade; The Spectator called it "unmissable" and someone from The Observer claimed to be "gobsmacked" following its staging.

(It should be noted that I've never personally used the word "unmissable" in



► You can get information on tickets to *Blood Brothers* at artsclub.com

Get Feisty

Lovable Canadian singer-songwriter Feist returns to the best coast in support of her latest album, *Metals*.

► Her show She'll be performing with guest Chilly Gonzales at the Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts Friday night. Tickets \$39.50 - \$55. Visit LiveNation.com for more information.

a sentence. I'm not even sure I knew it was a word. And I haven't been "gobsmacked" by a stage performance since a red-light ping-pong incident over in Amsterdam back in '92.)

Blood Brothers has been around the theatre block. First staged in 1983, its current (extended to 2012) West End revival started in 1988, which makes it one

of the longest-running musical productions ever.

It's also been very successful on Broadway and on tour.

Here's a snapshot: Loosely based on the 1844 novella *The Corsican Brothers* by Alexandre Dumas, it's about twins separated at birth. They grow up unaware of each other living very different lives.

One grows up poor; the other, rich. Fate brings them together when they fall for the same woman.

Narrated by John Mann, lead singer of *Spirit of the West*. And directed by Arts Club acting veterans Sara-Jeanne Hosie and Bob Frazer, who says it "deals with issues that we can all relate to: a recession, class wars, and searching

for something in our lives that we feel may be missing, whether that be love, acceptance by loved ones, or a desire for a better life."

Blood Brothers opens tonight and runs until New Year's Eve at the Arts Club Theatre's Granville Island Stage. Tickets \$29 to \$49. Visit artsclub.com for more information.

Top Chef Canada



Model-turned-actress Lisa Ray is the new host of *Top Chef Canada*. The Water star is taking over hosting duties from Thea Andrews, who recently gave birth to her second child.

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Breaking bridal traditions

Many brides keep their wedding dresses a secret until the moment they walk down the aisle, but all of cyberspace isn't usually speculating about it. The exception is Bella Swan.

The much anticipated bridal gown will make its debut on Friday as *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1* is released in

movie theatres.

What's known about the gown worn by Kristen Stewart's character as she married Robert Pattinson's Edward Cullen: It's designed by Carolina Herrera. It has 100 buttons down the back. It's made of lace and satin, and it aims to be simultaneously romantic and mysterious.

"Well, the inspiration



became a little bit by the book," said Herrera on the

red carpet at the Los Angeles premiere Monday night. "And the description of the book, and the magic and the moment that is the wedding and also about her (Bella's) personality, which is very important in a wedding gown. She is this very innocent girl that is believing in her first true love and there is romance and

there is fantasy and mystery. Everything so, I took all that into consideration."

Pattinson approved, saying it was a "beautiful" dress and Stewart did it justice.

"She looked incredible," he said.

"I mean, it's a really sweet scene."

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Turn-of-the-century series 'Murdoch Mysteries' to move from Citytv to CBC

Two (dance) steps ahead

► New video game allows players to dance alongside the Black Eyed Peas

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The Black Eyed Peas are getting animated and following in Michael Jackson's moon walking, hip-shaking steps with the release of their own video game, *Black Eyed Peas: The Experience*.

Unlike its predecessor, *Michael Jackson: The Experience*, the *Black Eyed Peas* game, currently for Nintendo Wii and Xbox 360, actually sees gamers battling and dancing alongside the group instead of playing them.

Black Eyed Peas: The Experience is even catching the attention of Kenny Wormald, the star of the hit film *Footloose*, who was at a recent launch for the game. The 27-year-old has been performing on stage



► Film star and pro dancer Kenny Wormald, bottom right, says much can be learned from *Black Eyed Peas: The Experience*.

for 20 years and admits that even a pro like him learned a few new tricks from *Black Eyed Peas: The Experience*.

"It's more than just a game, but a choreographed dance-off against one of the world's best groups," he says. "(Even) as a professional dancer it's really good because it makes you very meticulous and can teach you."

On average, it takes be-

tween 18 months to two years from inception to completion of a dance video game of this kind. For game developer Ubisoft, the uniqueness of the game comes from incorporating the band's style, brand and creativity into every detail.

"Everything had to be approved by the Black Eyed Peas. The songs that we chose, how the dancers are dancing, what type of cloth-

ing they are wearing," says Jeyson Acevedo, public relations manager at Ubisoft Canada. As a result, everything from the Black Eyed Peas' futuristic outfits to will.i.am's famous asymmetrical coif appears.

To transform the Black Eyed Peas into digital avatars popping and locking on screen, Ubisoft spent days scanning the group members' bodies. Wearing outfits fitted with sensors, the group had every move and expression recorded and translated into the dance-motion game.

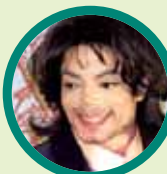
"Technology is letting us do more than just loan fans a song," says Acevedo. "It lets them actually dance alongside The Black Eyed Peas."

Black Eyed Peas: The Experience is in stores now and will be available for PlayStation in December.

The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

The Black Eyed Peas aren't the first celebrities to make an appearance as themselves in a video game.

For better or worse, stars have been leaping to the small screen to play digital versions of themselves for decades. Here are some of the gaming world's most memorable.



Michael Jackson: The Experience (2011)

The first video game in the Experience franchise has the King of Pop (as an avatar) help players learn and perform some of his famous moves to hits like *Billie Jean* and *The Girl is Mine*.

Shaquille O'Neal: Shaq Fu (1994)

The now-retired basketball player traded in his sneakers for swords in this kung-fu video game. In the poorly-reviewed game, Shaq fights off evil-doers after falling into a parallel universe.



The Beatles: Rock Band (2009)

One of several famous Rock Band games released in recent years, players perform as one of their favourite members of the group. Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr make appearances in the game as players try to master classic hits and climb the charts. ● TAKARA SMALL

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Odd submission

One of the weirdest submissions to the tumblr site: hotguysandbabyanimals.tumblr.com as told by Audrey Khuner.

► “There’s a picture of a guy throwing a cat toward the camera.” Let’s just hope that cat hasn’t used up its nine lives.



► Audrey Khuner and Carolyn Newman are the founders of hotguysandbabyanimals.com.

Pet Project

► Two girls’ puppy love spawned the cutest global phenomenon
 ► Metro talks to one of the girls behind the web’s fluffiest site



“I thought it’d be a great way to meet guys,” says Audrey Khuner, one half of the duo behind the web-site hotguysandbabyanimals.com.

The site, predominantly aimed at women, gay men and swooning college girls, was conceived when a joke between Audrey and her co-founder Carolyn Newman was turned into a business reality.

“We’ve always been into animals and a bit boy crazy.”

“And there’s always been beefcake and baby animal calendars, so we thought why not combine the two?” muses Khuner in an interview.

The result: You can’t take your eyes off those dewy-eyed cuties.

Yep, I’m talking about both the guys and the critters.

But behind the eye candy calendars, greeting cards and a host of other merchandise, there is a relatively viable entrepreneurial business (although

Khuner admits that she has other jobs).

“The shoots are so much fun. I posted a picture of me next to this really well cut guy holding a puppy on the site — and my friends hate me for it but it’s just another day on the job — and I love it,” she gushes.

That said, since the site’s inception in 2009, the Berkeley, Calif.-based duo have donated between five and 10 per cent of their profits to animal charities such as the SPCA in San Francisco. And much to the joy of Khuner’s photographer father Eliot, they are now able to pay him after two years where he was working for free.

They also have the backer of a publisher, a global appeal with orders arriving from Brazil to the Netherlands and talk of iPhone skins, desktop wallpapers and maybe even an app.

But sadly guys, there are no plans for a hot women and cute animals calendar — damn it.



► What started as a great way to meet guys has turned into a viable business for two California girls.

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Von Teese talks corsets, cocktails

► Burlesque star unveils portable cocktail kit

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Striptease star and corset collector Dita Von Teese visited New York on Tuesday night to unveil Coin-treau Travel Essentials, her portable cocktail kit for women on the go. Swizzle-stick thin and flanked by New York downtown comedy king Murray Hill, she talked to Metro about why the new burlesque attracts so many female fans.

"I think it's because they



► Dita Von Teese

like to see an alternative kind of beauty. I'm not tan, I'm not blonde, I don't look right in a bikini."

With so many women embracing burlesque, does she see the corset making a comeback?

"I think what's great is

we have the option. We can wear whatever we want, and we can be whoever we want, and if we want to wear a corset, we can wear it our way. There are lots of ways to bring the corset into your life without suffering."

Bieber's alleged baby momma drops her case

It looks like Justin Bieber is in the clear, as Mariah Yeater has reportedly dropped her paternity case against him, according to Hollyscoop. The 20-year-old San Diego woman had accused 17-year-old Bieber

of fathering her four-month-old son. The pop star had reportedly planned to take a paternity test upon returning to the U.S. and then file suit against Yeater. The case was reportedly dismissed

quietly last week, and Yeater's attorneys are no longer representing her.

Representatives for Bieber say that he is still planning on taking a paternity test. **● METRO WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

No expiration date for Brad Pitt

Brad Pitt wants to clarify that comment he made about retiring from acting at age 50.

"I wasn't actually putting an exact deadline on my expiration date, but I see it coming. I just have other interests and I do quite enjoy the production side," Pitt said during a press conference in South Korea. "Me, personally I like ageing. With age comes wisdom and I have said it before and I say it again, I will take wisdom over youth any day," he added.

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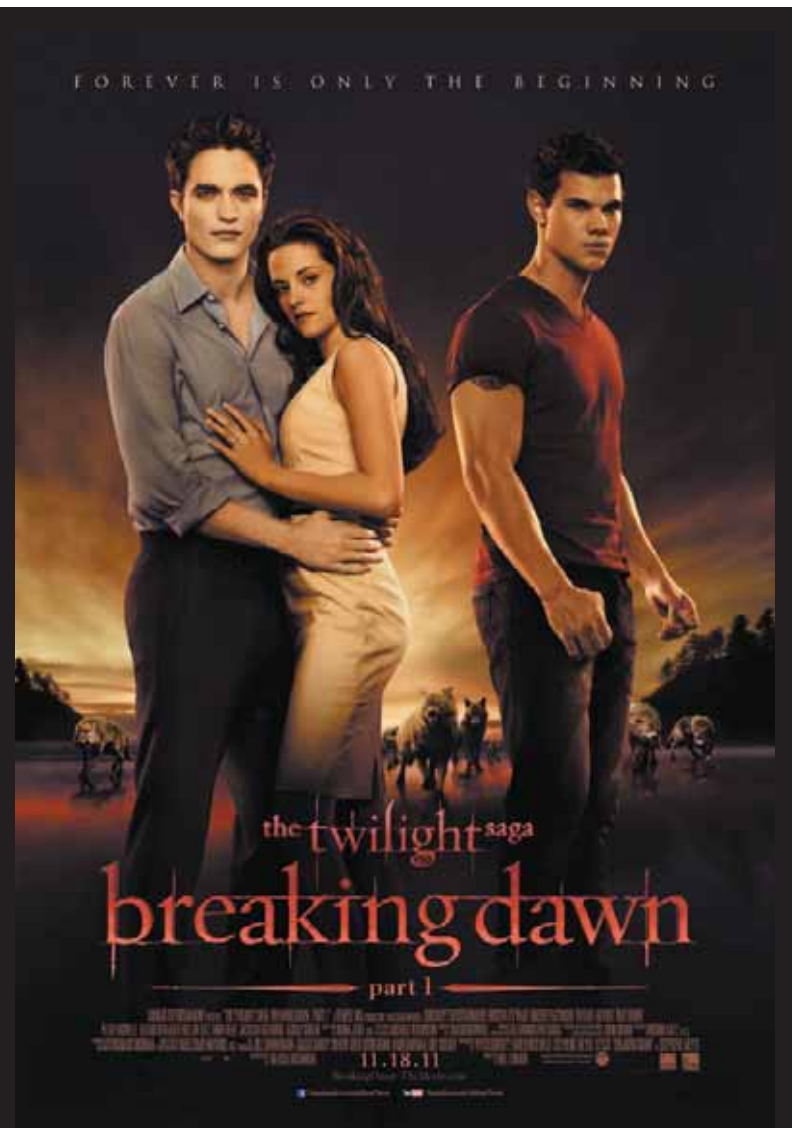
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Indigenous fashion makes a comeback with a contemporary twist on Mexican runways.

Miracle creams: Multi-talented or misleading?

► It's no longer enough for makeup to perform one function ► Now it's more common for a foundation or concealer to do its job plus two or three more ► But are beauty brands luring in women with promises that a single product can't possibly deliver?



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Makeup is a complicated affair. You have a zit that needs covering, but the concealer only makes the breakout worse. Or your pores are the size of golf balls, but the finely milled powder you splurged on just makes them look twice as big.

For the past year, science has been increasingly blurring the lines between makeup and skin care with products that address aging, sun protection, acne breakouts and redness, all in one shot. You know the products: a foundation that simultaneously covers flaws, evens skin tone and reduces signs of wrinkles, for example, or a concealer that blocks the sun, controls oil and clears up acne. But is the kill-three-skin-flaws-with-one-cream approach the best solution, or are single-use products still the best way to go?

Mary Schook, a makeup artist and skin-care guru, is on the fence.

"I think it's kind of like those all-in-one shampoo-conditioners. You can use them, but you still get the

"I'm a busy woman. There are going to be days when I can't put on everything..."

DR. DORIS DAY, DERMATOLOGIST

best results by using a separate shampoo and separate conditioner," she says.

"A lot of these products that claim to block the sun's rays are not protect-

ing the way they should. You're not getting a sun-block in a foundation unless it has both zinc and titanium dioxide. It has to be a chemical compound that blocks the sun's rays and it's hard to find that in a liquid foundation," she says.

Dermatologist Dr. Doris Day, meanwhile, thinks that multi-tasking products can work well as a supplement to a healthy skin-care regimen, but don't necessarily warrant throwing out your arsenal of face creams.

"I like multi-tasking products. Think of these makeup items as your bonus, not your main meal. I'm a busy woman. I have a husband, two kids and three jobs. There are going to be days when I can't put on everything all the time," she admits.

Celebrity makeup artist Talia Shobbrook agrees that

some makeup items that do triple-duty can be worth the investment.

"The foundations and powders that include acne-fighting ingredients, for instance, are great because that is a specific problem that can be treated quickly," she says.

"But I don't necessarily think that an anti-aging foundation is going to work very well. Anti-aging is not a quick fix. Those products are dipping into skin care, when it should just be separate altogether. Plus the anti-aging ingredients seem to make the makeup feel heavier on the skin," she says.

Ultimately, the real task is knowing what to look for.

"It's about finding the right ingredients," Schook says. Day adds, "You want to make sure the products don't combine ingredients that cancel each other out."



► The best of the bunch: Popular multi-taskers Lancôme Teint Rénergie Lift R.A.R.E., left, by Terry Hyaluronic; Face Glow, above left; and Clinique Pore Refining Solutions Instant Perfector, above right.



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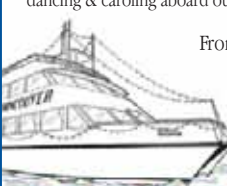
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Adding some new decorative pillows to the living

or bedroom is an easy way to add colour, personality and comfort to your space.

Available in all price points and decor styles, a few new cushy friends are always a welcome change to a tired decor scheme.

Treat yourself this winter to a few of these comforting gems.



► Textured pillows dress up a sofa and offer ultimate comfort.

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Sizes: The 18-inch square pillow is the standard choice for chairs or sofas; the 20- to 24-inch is great for beds; and the 12-x-18 (often referred to as the lumbar pillow) is a great friend to support your

lower back when sitting on a tall, tight-back style seat.

Larger 24-inch square pillows are great supporters for sitting up in bed or for throwing on the floor as extra casual sitting.

Styles: Draw on colours and style inspiration from art, area rugs and other accessories in a room.

If mixing patterns, try to have curvy lined patterns like floral, paisley or circles mixed with straight

lines like stripes, plaids and geometrics.

The difference in patterns creates a juxtaposition that will allow each pattern to stand out in the room.

If there is no colour or



► Brightly coloured cushions can light up a drab room.

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► Warning: Pillow fights may no longer be confined to the bedroom.

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pattern in your room then choose lighter and darker versions of your monochromatic colour scheme for impact.

You can also go with textured fabrics to create subtle interest.

Knitted textures are very popular for winter, while heavy linen weaves are great for spring/summer.

Fills: Decorative pillows can look beautiful but if filled with the wrong insert, can be useless for comfort.

Foam and feather are the two basic fills for most cushions. Foam filled cushions tend to offer more support and keep their shape for some time.

Eventually, the foam will break down and the pillow will lose its shape.

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All you need is to add about one cup of pure

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► Vinegar is a great way to clean the dishwasher.

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Redesign the Melodi lamp

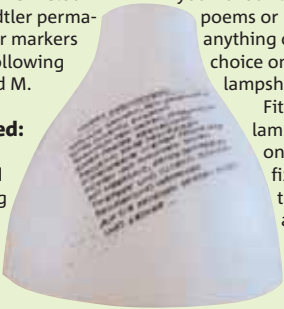
You'll need: One Melodi lamp and Staedtler permanent Lumocolor markers in one of the following sizes: S, F, B and M.

Getting started: Wipe clean the lampshade and allow for drying time.

Use the permanent marker to write

your favourite verses, poems or anything of your choice on the lampshade.

Fit lampshade onto light fixture, turn on and voilà.



JOANNA FROM POLAND



2

Trick out that Dombas wardrobe

You'll need: A Dombas wardrobe, fabric, cotton ribbon and glue

Getting started:

Remove doors (or do not install doors). Cut fabric of your choice to size with enough to cover the sides of the doors. Cover the sides of the doors in glue.

Stick and tautly stretch the fabric across.

Allow drying time.

Trim any excess material.

Cover the sides with a matching ribbon for a tidy finish



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3

Re-work those Expedits

You'll need:

Two 2x2 Expedits, one Vika Amon tabletop, 4 Vika Curry table legs (only need top part), 4 Besta legs, drawers and screws.

Getting started:

Assemble the Expedits. Screw them together with brackets. Screw the Vika Amon Curry legs to the tabletop (they come in two parts but only used



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On hearing the name Ikea Hacker you're probably imagining some anti-establishment, covert cell tasked with bringing down the world's favourite Swedish home-ware brand.

Well perhaps not.

But I'm sure you, like me, have used some pretty extreme language to describe the store's infuriatingly cryptic instructions.

This, however, is not a sentiment shared by Mei Mei Yap, the founder of the popular site, Ikea Hackers, who goes by the pseudonym Jules.

"I think that they are one of the most fantastic pieces of communication. Not a word, just diagrams that people the world

The best to-date

Picture this: An Ikea Bjuron potholder redone as a pinhole camera.

This ingenious hack wins Jules' prize for the most clever Ikea re-working she's seen yet.



over follow," she says.

Or perhaps not, eh chaps?

The 42-year-old's website is the perfect retreat for those D.I.Yers who want to ditch the Ikea rules and break away from a homogenized, Swedish-style, showroom home.

And no, you don't have to be a D.I.Y whiz to Ikea hack, (or should that be H.I.Y?) but you will need to follow Jules' simple steps below.

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► Ikea Hacker founder, Mei Mei (Jules) Yap

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Your living room on a budget

- Is your living room looking a little dead these days?
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DIY IDEAS

If you're ready to turn your living room from drab to fab but are worrying over the cost, use these tips to keep the budget low and the standards high from DIY Network Canada's Sweat Equity. In every episode, host Amy Matthews increases the values of homes by choosing home improvement projects that give more bang for your buck.

Furniture

Shop at close-out or thrift stores if you are buying

new furniture. These locations take some patience, and more than one visit, but a good deal is easier to find. Alternately, you can give your old furniture new life. Wooden chairs can be re-stained or painted, and upholstery is an eye-catching and easy way to make an old piece new again.

Flooring

Flooring easily adds to a budget, but there are ways to avoid area carpeting or hardwood flooring without sacrificing style. Consider staining concrete floors in the basement or using carpet tiles to create a custom rug area.

Colours

Colour is the easiest way to

get a dramatic change with minimal work and budget. Keep the colour palette crisp and clean so it's always in style and won't require frequent updating.

For a smaller budget, paint only one feature wall to draw attention.

Accessories

Swapping or adding accessories creates a simple change in rooms. A vase of flowers is an easy and cheap way to add a feeling of luxury to the room. Create wall decor using items you already have — hang a collection in frames or shadow boxes, hang a family heirloom quilt, or use an assortment of mirrors.

Lighting



► Licensed contractor Amy Matthews revamps homes with her team of DIY experts on Sweat Equity.

It's easy to forget about using the lights in your home for more than their practical purpose.

Create drama or romance with a flick of a switch and illuminate your

favourite elements of the living room for a fantastic effect.

Helpful tips

To consistently save money on updating your home, consider learning the basics

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What canning season?

- Make your own preserves whenever you have time ► Seal in the flavour while foods are still garden fresh

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ple on his gift list.

The process continues with cherries, tomatoes, sweet corn, cucumbers, apples, melons and a variety of successive garden crops.

"If you don't deal with them when they're fresh, you're not preserving them," said Gasteiger, author of *Yes, You Can! And Freeze and Dry It, Too* (Cool

Springs Press).

"Then they can sit on a shelf until wrapped as presents for neighbours, teachers and others."

Hear the word "preserving" and people think canning or freezing, said Gasteiger of Lewisburg, Pa. But there is also dehydrating, sugaring, fermenting, quick pickling, smoking, salting and cold storage.

"The way we go about it hasn't changed much over the years, but the technology is better," he said.

All food preservation techniques delay or stop spoilage while sealing in flavour and nutritional value. Yet each does something different. In some cases, new foods are even created — raisins from dried grapes, for example.

Here is a sampling of the most common methods and how they compare

Canning preserves fruits and vegetables, jams and jellies, pickles, relishes and meats so they can be stored for months without refrigeration. Canning cooks food, however, changing its makeup and flavour.



► Food preservation saves money, encourages creativity and puts a quality product on the family dinner table.

Freezing leaves you with fresher flavours but transforms textures. "Produce tends to become mushy," Gasteiger said.

Dehydrating gives fresh foods remarkable longevity, with vegetables rehydrating especially well for cooking. Think bananas, or those fruit and vegetable remnants that ripen so quickly in the kitchen.

Fermenting is submerging vegetables in saltwater, and brine produces lactic acid, which is a food preservative. But: "Vegetables soften and develop a tangy flavour that some people don't care for," Gasteiger said.

Cold Storage root crops, including potatoes, carrots, yams, beets and turnips, have tremendous staying power under the right conditions. They will remain fresh for months in a dark, dry environment. Potatoes prefer a place maintained at around 13 C. Carrots, beets, rutabagas and cabbage keep longest when cooled to 1 C.

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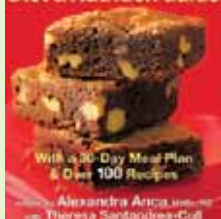


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► These delicious Espresso Brownies replace white flour with brown rice flour

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Made with rich dark chocolate, a punch of espresso and rice flour, guests won't believe these thick and rich brownies are gluten-free.

Preparation:

- 1 Line 23-cm (9-inch) square baking pan with parchment and lightly oil bottom. In large microwave-safe measuring cup, melt chocolate, butter and 15 ml (1 tbsp) of espresso powder in microwave. Stir to

Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) good-quality dark chocolate, chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) butter
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) instant espresso powder
- 2 eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) packed

combine; set aside.

- 2 In bowl, beat eggs on medium-high until frothy. Add brown sugar and beat until mix is smooth. Stir melted chocolate mix into egg-sugar mix little at a time. Beat well about 1 min.

- 3 In food processor, combine brown rice, rice flour, remaining espresso powder, salt and baking soda until

brown sugar

- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked brown rice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) brown rice flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)

well combined. Add rice mix into chocolate mix and beat well 1 min. Add vanilla, beat 1 min.

- 4 Fold in half of nuts, if using, and spread batter into prepared baking pan, smoothing top to even it out. Shake the pan a little to help even out the batter.

- 5 Bake in centre of 180 C (350 F) oven 30 mins. or until brownies are set. Brownies should be

Gluten-Free Espresso Brownies



► This recipe makes 24 brownies.

fudgy rather than dry and crumbly. Let cool completely on a wire rack. Cover and refrigerate to chill for at least 2 hours or up to 1 day before cutting into

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Preparation:

- 1 Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Line 4 large muffin cups with paper liners. Coat with cooking spray.
- 2 Separate egg yolks and whites, discarding 1 yolk. Place remaining yolk in bowl. Place 2 egg whites in another bowl. To whites, add 2 packets of the Stevia, 5 ml (1 tsp) of the vanilla and 2 ml (1/2 tsp) of the food colouring. Mix and set aside.
- 3 Add remaining 3 packets Stevia, 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla and 2 ml (1/2 tsp) food colouring to egg yolk. Whisk mixture for 3 minutes. Add buttermilk and agave. Whisk until combined.
- 4 In bowl, whisk flour,

powder, salt. Add to yolk-buttermilk mix, beat on low to combine.

- 5 Using electric mixer, beat egg white mix on medium to high until stiff peaks form. Working in 3 batches, fold egg whites into buttermilk mix, being careful not to deflate whites.

- 6 Spoon mix into muffin cups. Bake 12 to 15

mins. or until tops spring back when lightly touched. Transfer cupcakes to a wire rack and let cool.

- 7 Frosting: In bowl, combine pudding, cream cheese. Mix until smooth. Pipe evenly over cupcakes.

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Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 5 packets natural Stevia sweetener (powder)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla
- 5 ml (1 tsp) red food colouring
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) buttermilk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) agave nectar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) whole-

- wheat pastry flour
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) flaxseed meal
- 10 ml (2 tsp) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) salt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) prepared vanilla sugar-free, fat-free pudding
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fat-free cream cheese, softened

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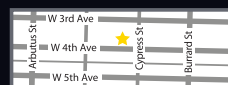
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Reid's all-star wait is over

► Richmond native one of nine Lions named a CFL all-star ► 'I've put up with a lot of pain and I just want to keep playing,' says undersized centre

After 11 years of trying, Angus Reid finally became a CFL all-star yesterday.

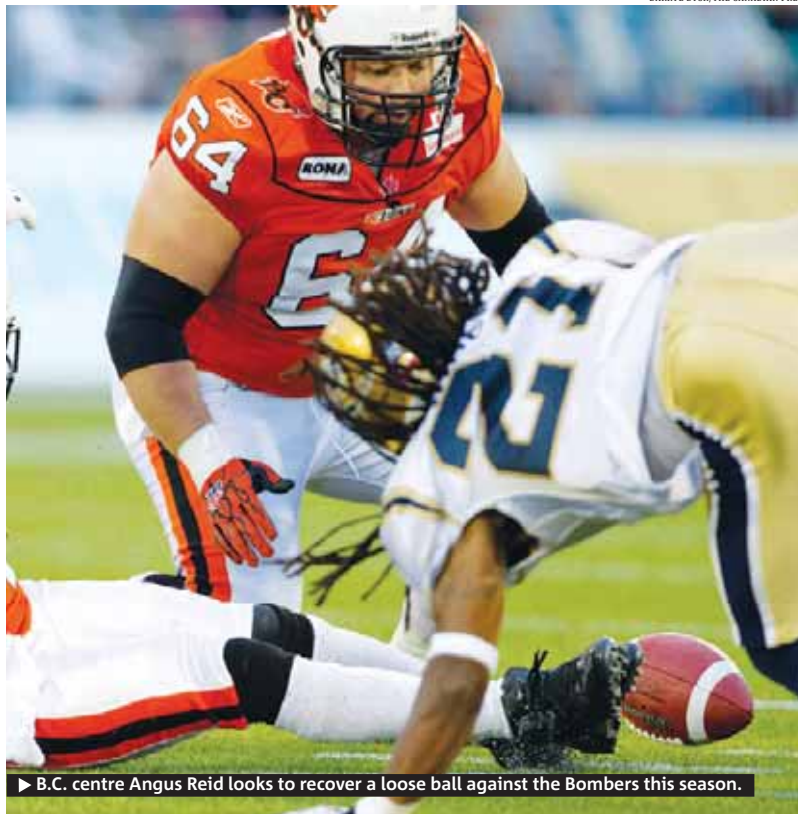
The veteran B.C. centre was one of nine Lions to earn top honours heading into Sunday's West Division final against the Edmonton Eskimos.

"At this stage in the career, I stopped hoping for things like that, but it's nice to get it," said a drenched Reid after the Lions practised in heavy rain. "I gave up getting disappointed in the years when I didn't get it. I just realized my job is to get my job done. But this kind of caught me off guard and caught me as a surprise. After 11 years of hard work, I'll say I feel proud of myself."

In addition to Reid, quarterback Travis Lulay, fellow offensive lineman Jovan Olafioye, defensive linemen Aaron Hunt and Khalif Mitchell and middle linebacker Solomon Elimimian received their first all-star honours. Receiver Geroy Simon (sixth), defensive back Korey Banks (fourth) and kicker Paul McCallum (second) were repeat winners.

Reid, a Richmond native, helped the Lions record lowest quarterback sacks allowed total in the CFL at 29, while overcoming a 0-5 start to finish first in the division. The 35-year-old praised his fellow members of the offensive line, which has been remade in the past couple of seasons.

Reid said it was nice to



► B.C. centre Angus Reid looks to recover a loose ball against the Bombers this season.

have the all-star voters, which included fans, reporters and head coaches, validate his role as team leader after he had to battle to keep his job last season.

Head coach and general manager Wally Buono decided to go with younger and bigger Dean Valli as the starting centre and made Reid a backup. After Valli went down with an injury, Reid resumed his

"He has a gift of knowing football, he's aggressive, he know how to use his health. I mean, he has the total package for a lineman."

KOREY BANKS ON ALL-STAR TEAMMATE ANGUS REID

starting role and has kept it ever since. Valli has since returned to his offensive guard spot.

"That says something right there," said Reid, who stands six-foot-one and

weighs 305 pounds. "My whole career, I've been fighting an uphill battle of not being big enough, of being an undersized guy. A lot of people thought that I should move on, but I

think my greatest accomplishment has been my staying power, my ability to do what has to be done to keep earning my job and keep helping this team win, and be an asset that can help move this team forward in spite of a lot of criticism and odds that I've faced over the years. That's where I take my pride from."

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2011 CFL all-stars

- Quarterback — Travis Lulay, B.C.
- Running backs — Jerome Messam, EDM.; Brandon Whitaker, MON.
- Centre — Angus Reid, B.C.
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- Tackles — Josh Bourke, MON.; Jovan Olafioye, B.C.
- Receivers — Nik Lewis, CAL.; Jamel Richardson, MON.; Geroy Simon, B.C.; Fred Stamps, EDM.
- Defensive ends — Justin Hickman, HAM.; Odell Willis, WIN.
- Defensive tackles — Aaron Hunt, B.C.; Khalif Mitchell, B.C.
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- Safety — Ian Logan, WIN.
- Punter — Burke Dales, CAL.
- Kicker — Paul McCallum, B.C.
- Special teams player — Chad Owens, TOR.

► Chicago's Marcus Kruger, left, celebrates a goal with Steve Montador as Canuck Kevin Bieksa looks on.



Hawks get revenge with blowout

This time the Vancouver Canucks paid the price for penalties.

The Chicago Blackhawks converted the game's first two power plays last night to defeat Vancouver 5-1 and avenge a 6-2 drubbing at home earlier this month.

In that game, the Canucks scored five goals on six man-advantage situations.

Andrew Brunette and Patrick Kane erased a 1-0 Vancouver lead midway through the second period.



Jonathan Toews scored his fifth goal in four games and Patrick Sharp added another 1:49 later to provide a cushion in the third period.

Steve Montador completed the Hawk attack.

Jannik Hansen scored for the Canucks against netminder Corey Crawford, who made 28 saves.

Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said before the game that revenge was on his players' minds after the Nov. 6 loss.

Vancouver, who had won three of four, slipped to 9-9-1 as the hangover continues from last spring's run to the Stanley Cup final.

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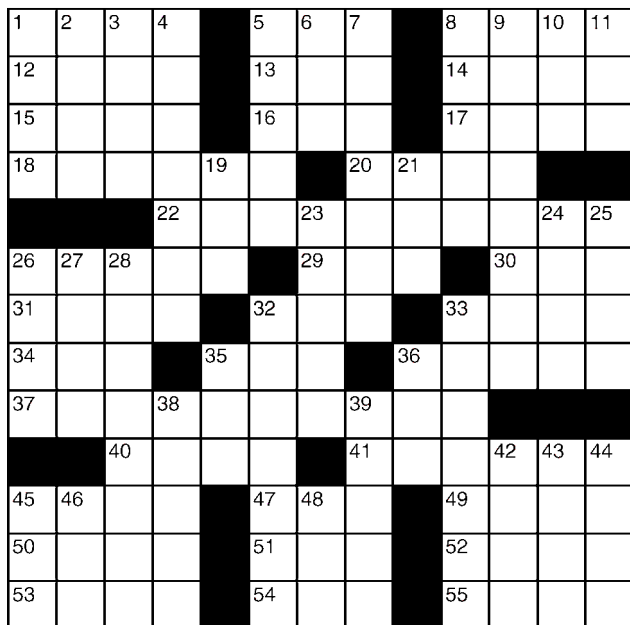
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30 Buck's mate
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34 Always, in verse
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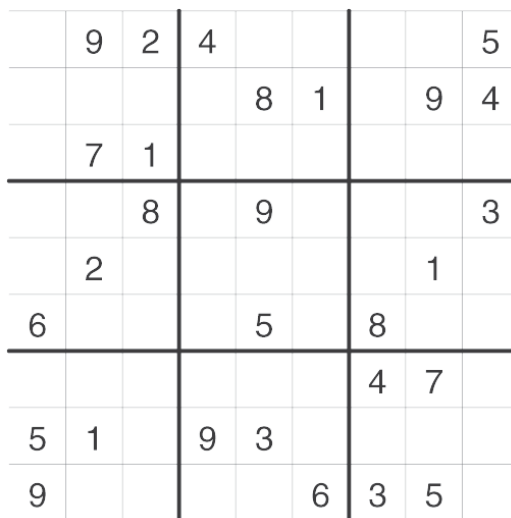
Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Let someone know that he or she must meet you halfway if you're going to end your differences — for good.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The most important thing today, by far, is your attitude. Stay positive and positive things will happen.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Break free of attitudes you know are holding you back. Today's cosmic influences will help you.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You have everything going for you now. But, it won't last forever so make the most of your opportunities.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Domestic issues need to be handled with care today, as loved ones could be touchy for no good reason.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 The planets indicate that what limited you yesterday will bring good fortune today. Make the most of it.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Good news on the work or money front will lift your spirits still higher over the next 24 hours.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't listen to what others say is and is not possible. Listen, instead, to what your inner voice tells you.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You're worrying for no good reason. What happens later today will convince you it's all in your mind.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Doors that were closed to you in the past are open to you now — so what's the catch? There isn't one.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You won't get all that you ask for today. But it'll be enough to keep you moving towards your goal.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. The planets are protecting you now, take a few risks because they are sure to pay off. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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